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DOCJT ADDS 13 NAMES TO KENTUCKY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

RICHMOND, Ky. – The 13 new names that were added to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial this year were dedicated today during the Department of Criminal Justice Training's annual ceremony to honor officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

Lt. Gov. Stephen B. Pence, who is also the secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, was the keynote speaker at the event.

"The altruistic sacrifices of these fallen heroes will not be forgotten nor will they live in vain," Lt. Gov. Pence said. "These courageous individuals deserve our honor, our respect and most of all, our thanks."

The names added this year include Ray B. Franklin, commissioner of Charitable Gaming, who died Dec. 12, 2002 from complications resulting from a traffic accident; Eddie Mundo Jr., a LaGrange officer who died April 16, 2003 in a head-on vehicle crash with a suspect he was seeking; Douglas W. Bryant, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife officer who died May 19, 2003 when his patrol car flipped while he was trying to stop a fleeing vehicle on Interstate-75; and Robert T. Hansel, a Lynch officer who died October 2, 2003 when his patrol car hit the back of a coal truck while he was on patrol.

The other nine lawmen include deputies and officers who were killed in the line of duty, but whose names were never added to the national memorial. The criterion for including a name on the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial is that it be on the National Law Enforcement Memorial.

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Monument, which sits in front of the Department of Criminal Justice Training, is the only one in the state that recognizes all Kentucky peace officers who have been killed in the line of duty. This year's additions bring the total number of names to 334.

The monument was dedicated in 2000. The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation was founded to build the unique memorial. Once it was completed, the organization expanded its efforts to include a financial endowment program, which helps Kentucky peace officers and their families with educational, medical and emergency relief.

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Names added during this year's memorial:

Conrad Frank, Ashland Police Department, died June 29, 1910. Frank, 63, was shot and killed while he and other officers raided an establishment selling illegal liquor.

Robert S. Woolum, Pineville Police Department, died October 18, 1926. Woolum, 38, was shot and killed while attempting to arrest an intoxicated man at the railroad depot.

Oza B. Moore, Lewis County Sheriff's Office, died August 15, 1931. Moore, 28, was killed when his motorcycle collided with a bus while on the way to serve a warrant.

Booker V. Wright, Fleming Neon Police Department, died November 7, 1932. Wright, 43, was shot and killed when he went to a house to arrest a suspect on a warrant.

Charlie W. Howard, Corbin Police Department, died June 30, 1933. Howard, 42, was shot and killed while investigating a disturbance at a local restaurant.

Willie M. Winningham, Clinton County Sheriff's Office, died July 29, 1933. Winningham, 38, was shot and killed while attempting to serve a warrant on a man.

Beverly C. Hollifield, Prestonsburg Police Department, died April 17, 1935. Hollifield, 49, died from injuries he received when he was hit by a passing vehicle during an arrest.

Marion Martin, Knott County Sheriff's Office, died April 10, 1942. Martin, 29, was shot while responding to a disturbance call at a bar.

Charles F. Elliott, Louellen Police Department, died October 31, 1948. Elliott, 43, was ambushed and shot when he and another officer attempted to raid a still in the mountains.

Ray B. Franklin, Kentucky's Department of Charitable Gaming. Franklin, 56, died December 12, 2002 from complications resulting from a December 4 traffic accident.

Eddie Mundo Jr., LaGrange Police Department, died April 16, 2003. Mundo, 29, was killed when the pickup truck of a man he was seeking crossed the centerline and hit his cruiser head on.



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